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Identical letters dated 11 August 2011 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am compelled to write to you once again on the deteriorating situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. On 8 August 2011, I sent a letter (A/ES-10/526-S/2011/500) regarding the illegal, reckless and provocative declaration that came on Thursday, 4 August 2011, in which Israel, the occupying Power, announced the approval given to build 900 more settlement units in the so-called settlement of "Har Homa" located in Jabal Abu Ghneim in Occupied East Jerusalem. Only one week later, with total arrogance and total disregard for international law and the calls made by the international community on Israel to end its illegal settlement campaign, the occupying Power shamefully announced today the approval of 1,600 more settlement units in the so-called settlement of "Ramat Shlomo" in Occupied East Jerusalem.

The illegal unilateral actions of the occupying Power make it extremely clear to the international community that Israel is not interested in peace; rather it is interested in entrenching its colonization and 44-year long occupation of the Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. The international community must compel Israel to abide by its obligations under international law and end its illegal occupation including its colonization campaign, and must seriously begin to take further effective measures to end the Israeli occupation which began in 1967 to salvage the possibility of the two-State solution.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 398 letters regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 8 August 2011 (A/ES-10/526-S/2011/500), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, acts of State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian

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people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

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